

THIS ONE HASN'T
BEEN WATERED IN TWO
DAYS. SO YOU'LL NEED
TO DO THAT TOMORROW
MORNING.

COO-

COO-



COOO-

AND THIS
ONE NEEDS TO
BE DONE EVERY
6 HOURS.

THIS TREE
ONLY NEEDS WATER
ONCE EVERY 3 MONTHS.
SO MAKE SURE YOU
DONT GIVE IT ANY,
OKAY?

OH, AND EVERY
MORNING, YOU NEED TO PUT
THE FLOWERS OUTSIDE THE
SHOP SO THEY CAN GET
SUNLIGHT.

OH, HURRY UP
OR WE'LL LEAVE
WITHOUT YOU"

COO-

COO-

COO-





JUST GIVE
ME A SECOND!

RAMBLE

OH BUT THIS ONE CANT RECEIVE
TOO MUCH SUNLIGHT SO ONLY
PUT IT OUT FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
AND THIS TREE HAS REALLY SWEET
FRUIT KIDS MIGHT TRY TO EAT,
BUT IT'S ALSO TOXIC SO YOU CANT LET
THEM! THIS FLOWER ALSO HAS A
LOT OF NECTAR SO BE CAREFUL ABOUT
INSECTS OTHERWISE THE WHOLE SHOP
WILL GET FULL OF THEM. AH,
AND ESPECIALLY THIS FLOWER.

RAMBLE

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RAMBLE





WOW. IT REALLY
IS ENDLESS. WHY DID
SHE EVEN BOTHER
AGREEING
TO COME?

☆

C'MON. LET'S LEAVE

AH, BUT...

LET'S GO~!

HEY!!
WAIT FOR ME!!

THANKS FOR
HELPING. COO!





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UHL. FRANK. ACTUALLY,
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT
SOMETHING...

HMM?
WHAT IS IT?



WHO WAS THAT
PERSON IN THE MASK?

THERE SEEMS TO
BE A LOT OF SIMILAR
LOOKING PEOPLE ALL
AROUND TOWN...

OH,
YOU MEAN COOP?
HE'S AN ANDROID,
NOT A PERSON

MMMM. THEY'RE
ROBOTS MADE TO
LOOK LIKE HUMANS.

THEY MAINLY DO
ALL THE UNPLEASANT,
DIFFICULT OR DANGEROUS
WORK PEOPLE CAN'T OR
DON'T WANT TO DO.

THEY DON'T
NEED TO BE FED
OR GIVEN FUEL
OR MONEY.

AND THEY'LL
OBEYENTLY
DO WHATEVER
ANYONE ASKS.

IN FACT,
THEY SEEM
TO LIKE IT.

SINCE THEY'RE
ALL OVER THE TOWN
YOU CAN CALL THEM
FOR HELP WHENEVER
YOU NEED THEM.

OH WOW, YOU
MUST BE SO GRATEFUL
TO HAVE PEOPLE LIKE
THEM AROUND.

YES,
BUT THEY'RE
ANDROIDS.
REMEMBER, NOT
PEOPLE.





ALL RIGHT,
ANDREWS.

HALT

I DONT LIKE
'EM.

HUH?

I SAID I DONT
LIKE THOSE ANDROIDS.
I DUNNO WHY, THEY
JUST GIMME THE
CREEPS



WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IF IT WASNT FOR THEM
THE TOWN WOULD BE
A MESS!

A character with blonde hair, wearing a brown gas mask with a circular filter on the side and a dark red jacket. They are shown in profile, looking downwards with a serious expression.

THAT'S MY POINT!
WITHOUT THEM PEOPLE
WOULD STRUGGLE WITH
EVEN THE MOST BASIC
THINGS.

EVERYONE RELIES
ON THEM FAR TOO
MUCH.

NOT TO
MENTION WHO KNOWS
WHAT'S INSIDE THOSE
GAS MASKS?

AND...

A close-up, low-angle shot of the gas mask, showing the filter and the mesh-like structure of the mask's body.

I'VE NEVER LIKED THEM BECAUSE OF
THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE...



AND WHAT?
COO IS A HUNDRED TIMES
MORE HELPFUL THAN SOME
IDOT PLAYBOY LIKE YOU!



...WHATEVER.
BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON.
WE'RE OUTSIDE OF THE
TOWN WALLS.

YEEES!!

HA! CHANGING
THE SUBJECT 'CAUSE
YOU'RE LOSING THE
ARGUMENT.



ANYWAY,
I HAVENT LEFT THE
TOWN LIKE THIS
IN FOREVER!

I'M SO EXCITED!
X

KYAA~
IT FEELS LIKE DREAMS,
ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE
ARE ALL WAITING
FOR ME!!

SA-DUM

SA-DUM

SA-DUM

I GUESS YOU DONT
GET A CHANCE TO LEAVE
THE TOWN VERY
OFTEN?

OTHER THAN
MERCHANTS AND HEAVILY
GUARDED ELITES,
MOST PEOPLE DONT
REALLY GO OUTSIDE OF
THE TOWN





THE DESERT IS
FULL OF TERRIFYING
THINGS LIKE HYBRID
GANGS WHO KIDNAP
PEOPLE AND SELL THEM
INTO SLAVERY.

OR MUTANT MONSTERS
THAT EAT HUMANS.



R-REALLY_?

JUST KIDDING~

HAHA YOU'RE



SURPRISINGLY EASY
TO SCARE"

OH
THANK GOD,
I WAS SO
SHOCKED"

THE MONSTERS
ARE JUST A RUMOR THOUGH,
NOBODY HAS EVER REALLY
SEEN THEM.

YOU SHOULD BE
A BIT MORE FEARFUL.

I DONT KNOW
ABOUT THE MONSTERS,
BUT THERE ARE DEFINITELY
PLENTY OF HYBRIDS
AND THEY CAN BE PRETTY
DANGEROUS TOO.



OH REALLY..?
IF WE END UP RUNNING
INTO SOME WE'D BE ABLE TO
FIND A WAY OUT ANYWAY.
RIGHT..?
HEH HEH



TRY SAYING
THAT WHEN YOU
ACTUALLY DO GET
KIDNAPPED.

I GET WHAT
YOU MEAN THOUGH.
SLAVE TRADERS WOULDN'T
BOTHR WITH AN UGLY THING
LIKE YOU ANYWAY.
SO DON'T WORRY

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WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
UGLY WHERE?!!

AS EXPECTED...

YOU THINK
YOU'RE PRETTY?
WITH A FACE LIKE THAT?
HA! 22

WHAT?!!
I'M GOING TO
KILL YOU!!

YOU'RE SCARY
ENOUGH YOURSELF. YOU DON'T
NEED TO WORRY ABOUT
ANY HYBRIDS!

OH!!!

COME HERE. I'LL SELL
YOU TO THOSE SLAVE
TRADERS RIGHT NOW!

IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE A
LOT OF FUN TRAVELLING
TOGETHER WITH THESE GUYS...

STOP IT!
GO AWAY!

SCREAM!

SCREAM!

WAIT A SECOND.
WHY IS THE WATER
BAG SO LIGHT?



**ARE WE
THERE YET?**

NOPE

NOW?

NOPE

NOW
ABOUT NOW?

✂
STILL NO!

NOW-

**N
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O
!**





OH MAN,
MY SHOULDERS
ARE KILLING ME.



!!!
ARE WE FINALLY
THERE???

NOPE.
STILL A LITTLE
BIT MORE.

STILL??
I CANT. MY LEGS ARE
ABOUT TO FALL OFF!





DON'T WORRY.
WE'RE NOT GOING ANY
FARTHER TODAY.

IT'S GETTING
DARK SO LET'S JUST
SET UP CAMP HERE.



IT'S NOT FAR
NOW. WE'LL
ARRIVE SOME
TIME TOMORROW
MORNING.

YEAH,
THE PLANTS AROUND
HERE DO LOOK
FAMILIAR.



GREAT!
LET'S HURRY UP AND
COLLECT SOME FIREWOOD
FIRST BEFORE IT
GETS DARKER.

A SIPP
YOU WERE
GULPING IT
DOWN

THIS IS SO
WEIRD, I'VE BARELY
HAD A SIP BUT THERE'S
ALREADY SO LITTLE
LEFT.

I'M SERIOUS!

OKAY
SA-HWAN'S WORLD
FAMOUS SOUP IS
ALMOST READY

OH!
THAT SMELLS
SO GOOD

IT'S AMAZING YOU
WERE ABLE TO PREPARE
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS TOO

UNEXPECTEDLY FOND OF COOKING

HA, A PIECE
OF CAKE



I GUESS ALL
THAT HUNTING FOR
JUNK WASNT
JUST A WASTE OF
TIME AFTER ALL.

OKAY~
NOW IT'S
JUST RIGHT!

ENJOYS FEEDING
PEOPLE FOOD
HE'S COOKED %

GIVE IT A TRY!



THANK YOU FOR
THE FOOD~

AND YOU.



THANK YOU
BUT WHAT'S IN IT?
YOU CAN'T JUST EAT
ANYTHING YOU COME
ACROSS OUT HERE..

OH MY GOD!!!!

THIS IS DELICIOUS!
GLP GLP GLP GLP

CAN I HAVE
SOME MORE?

OF COURSE!
HAVE AS MUCH
AS YOU WANT!



IS IT REALLY
THAT GOOD?

I GUESS I'LL
GIVE IT A TRY.



!!!!!!

INCREDIBLE!
I HATE TO ADMIT IT,
BUT HE'S EVEN BETTER
THAN ME!





SO... HOW WAS IT?

—
CAN I HAVE SOME
MORE TOO PLEASE..?



I'M SO FULL!

*I CAN'T EAT
ANY MORE!*

*YOU' ALREADY
ATE SO MUCH.*



BY THE WAY...

WHAT KIND OF
WORK DO YOU DO,
SA-HWAN?

THE SIGN
ON THE SHOP
SAYS 'PRIVATE EYE',
BUT I DON'T REALLY
KNOW WHAT
THAT IS...

ALL I'M...

A DETECTIVE



A DETECTIVE?

THAT'S RIGHT.
THE ONLY ONE IN TOWN
I DIG UP AND SOLVE
MYSTERIES IN AND
AROUND THE TOWN.

I GUESS YOU
COULD ALSO CALL
ME A WATCHMAN?

WOW. YOU'RE
JUST AS COOL AS I
THOUGHT!

HEY, IT'S A
LITTLE EMBARRASSING
TO HEAR MYSELF
OUT

PFFT!

YOU'RE RIGHT.
HOW CAN YOU LET

**SUCH RIDICULOUS WORDS
COME OUT OF YOUR
OWN MOUTH?
RAHAHA!**

**WHAT? ♪
IT'S NOT
A LIE!**



**AN YES
DO THESE 'MYSTERIES'
PERHAPS INVOLVE FINDING
MISSING DOGS?
OR MAKING JUNK OUT OF
THINGS DROPPED IN
THE DESERT?**

**WHY DO YOU ALWAYS
HAVE TO COMMENT
ON EVERYTHING?!**



**DO YOU THINK
NOBODY ELSE CAN
FIGURE OUT YOUR PLAN TO
MONOPOLIZE AND SELL THE
WATER AT A PREMIUM ONCE
YOU FIND IT?**

DON'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT IT.
THAT WATER BELONGS
TO EVERYONE!

IT'S NOT
LIKE THAT!

YOU JUST WANT TO
REVEAL THE TRUTH BEHIND
THE MYSTERIOUS WATER
TOWER, RIGHT?

I GUESS YOU
COULD SAY THAT.

WOW"
OF COURSE.
SA HWAY IS
SO COOL."

THIS IS JUST
SCRATCHING THE
SURFACE.



*BUT DOES IT
REALLY EXIST?*

*A LOT OF PEOPLE
HAVE SEEN MIRAGES
IN THE DESERT.*

*THEY'RE JUST
OPTICAL ILLUSIONS
CAUSED BY DIFFERENCES
IN TEMPERATURE.
SO THERE SHOULD BE
SOMETHING THERE
TO BEGIN WITH.*

*BUT THE KIND OF THINGS
THOSE PEOPLE SAY
THEY SAW CAN BE PRETTY
HARD TO BELIEVE...*

*LIKE AN ISLAND
FLOATING IN THE
SKY.*

*OR GIANT COLOSSI
OVER 50 METERS TALL.*

OR-

A TOWER OF
WATER LIKE THE ONE
NINE SAW.

BUT WHETHER THEY
WERE MISTAKEN OR NOT,
IT MUST BE BASED OFF
OF SOMETHING.

AND I'M GOING TO
UNCOVER THE TRUTH
BEHIND THEM ALL.



NO MATTER WHAT.



*AMAZING
SA-HWAN!!!*





WE SHOULD GET
SOME SLEEP IF WE WANT
AN EARLY START
TOMORROW.

WRAP YOURSELF
UP IN THESE BLANKETS.
THE DESERT GETS SUPER
COLD AT NIGHT.

YOU'RE
BEING
THOUGHTFUL
FOR ONCE

THANK YOU"



CRACKLE

CRACKLE



WHAT SHOULD
WE DO?

DO WE REPORT
THIS BACK TO
THE CHIEF?

HMM, I'M NOT SURE.
THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE
ANYTHING TO WORRY
ABOUT.

ESPECIALLY AFTER THEY
ATE SO MUCH OF 'THESE'.



THEY SHOULDN'T
BE A PROBLEM UNTIL
TOMORROW AFTERNOON
AT LEAST.

BUNCH OF
IDIOTS, STUFFING
THEIR FACES WITHOUT
KNOWING WHAT IT IS.

LET'S REPORT
BACK FIRST.
JUST IN CASE.

CHUCKLE

CHUCKLE

OKAY

.....

HEY.



SA-HWAN...
OVER THERE...

I KNOW.
JUST
IGNORE IT

BUT...

THEY'D HAVE
ATTACKED US
ALREADY IF THEY
WERE PLANNING TO.

THEY CAN'T BE THAT
DANGEROUS ANYWAY
AFTER MAKING SUCH A
HALF-ARSED JOB
OF SPYING ON US.



STOP
WORRYING
AND GET SOME
REST.

IF ANYTHING
COMES UP I'LL NOTICE
IT FIRST AND DEAL
WITH IT. SO IT'S
FINE FOR YOU TO
FALL ASLEEP.



OKAY.

GOOD NIGHT,
THEN.

HE'S SURPRISINGLY
RELIABLE OUT HERE
IN THE DESERT.



ZZZZ.







COULD I CATCH UP IF I RAN...



AFTER... THEM...

TO BE CONTINUED



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